

FOREST ORDER

**USDA FOREST SERVICE
WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FORESTS
ASPEN RANGER DISTRICT**

Weller Campground – Bear Closure

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 261.50 (a), the following act is prohibited in Weller Campground, located in White River National Forest, at Township 11 Range 84 Section 1 NE, hereby identified as the "Restricted Area".

The purpose of this Order is the protection of health and safety to the public due to emboldened bear behavior documented at the site which has escalated to dangerous levels.

PROHIBITION:

Occupying the Restricted Area utilizing tents, soft sided trailers (pop-up trailers or pop-up slide-in campers) or anything else that is not a rigid-sided or hard-shelled camping vehicle (tents and soft-sided trailers are prohibited) 36CFR 261.58(d).

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- (1) Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- (2) Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until September 30, 2016, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Glenwood Springs, Colorado, this 14th day of June, 2016.


SCOTT FITZWILLIAMS

Forest Supervisor
WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST

Violations of this prohibition are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571).